



[Hwy_36_exposure_investigation] Hwy 36 announcement

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Greetings,

Today we are announcing the suspension of the spring 2012 urine and environmental sample collection efforts until further notice. The areas that were slated for application of the two chemicals we can test for in urine (2,4-D and atrazine) are in very remote locations which have very few residents. Despite considerable effort, we were not able to recruit enough participants to ensure that the data resulting from the effort are a valid test of potential exposure among local residents.

The investigation team remains committed to the long-term goals of investigating if, how, and to what extent residents are being exposed to pesticides from local application practices.

Toward that end we will be scheduling a community meeting in Blachly in early April, to share our ideas on ways to move forward with the investigation. Once we set the date, location and time of the meeting, we will make that announcement.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who volunteered to be a part of the spring phase of the exposure investigation; we are very grateful for your interest and willingness to support the investigation with your participation.

Looking ahead:

We are actively working with our state and federal agency partners to explore our options for the next phase of this investigation, and will be seeking community input and participation.

In addition, we are preparing a comprehensive Public Health Assessment (PHA) report, which will be released for public comment later this summer. The PHA will analyze all the data collected during the initial phase of the EI.

We will continue to provide updates through this listserv and keep you informed as we proceed.

Regards,

The Investigation Team

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